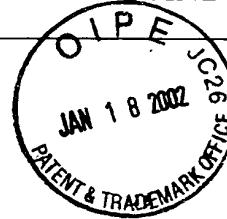


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before action on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application filed herewith as follows:

In the Claims:

Please substitute the clean version of claim 90 below. Claim 90 is also "marked-up" in an appendix showing underlining or brackets.

90. A method for reading the charge generated in the charge-coupled device array of claim 89 comprising:

reading the first portion of the charge from the first row using the first shift register;  
reading the second portion of the charge from the second row using the second shift register; and

for each of the first storage elements,

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